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## *Articles from* VOLTAIRE's QUESTIONS SUR L'ENCYCLOPEDIE.

### LUXURY.

IN a Country where the People ſhould go barefoot, ought the firſt Perſon that procured a Pair of Shoes to be blamed for Luxury? Would it not rather be a Proof of his good Senſe and Induſtry?

May not the ſame be ſaid of him who firſt wore a Shirt? As to the Man who firſt contrived to have his Shirt waſhed, and wore it a ſecond and a third Time, and ſo on, I look upon him to have been a prodigious Genius, and dare ſay that he was capable of governing a State. Nevertheleſs, it is probable that he was conſidered, by thoſe who did not wear clean Linen, as an effeminate Perſon, who was likely to corrupt the Manners of the People.

It is not long Since that a Norwegian reproached a Dutchman with Luxury. What is become, ſaid he, of thoſe happy Times, when a Merchant, on going from Amſterdam to the Indies, left a Quarter of dried Beef in his Kitchen, and found it at his Return? Where are your wooden Spoons and Iron Forks? Is it not a Shame for a ſober Dutchman to lie in a Damaſk Bed? Go to Batavia, anſwered the Man of Amſterdam, get ten Tuns of Gold, as I have done, and ſee whether you will not want to be a little better clothed, fed, and lodged.

### LIBERTY.

The true Charter of Liberty is Independence, ſupported by Force. It is with the Point of the Sword that Diplomas which ratify this natural Privilege muſt be ſigned.

When did the Seven United Provinces become poſſeſſed of this inconteſtible Right? From the Moment they united, and from that Moment Philip II. became the Rebel. What a glorious Man was that William Prince of Orange! he found a Region of Slaves, and he made them free Men!

### NATIVE COUNTRY.

What is it that a Man can properly call his Country? Is it not a good Eſtate with a good Houſe upon it, of which the Poſſeſſor can ſay, "Theſe Fields "that I cultivate, and this Houſe which I have built, "are my own? I live under the Protection of Laws, "which no Tyrant can infringe. When thoſe who, "like me, are poſſeſſed of Lands and Houſes, aſſemble "for their common Intereſt, I am a Part of the "Whole, a Part of the Community, a Part of the "Sovereignty. This is my Country. All elſe loſes "the Idea of an Habitation of Men, and may more "properly be termed a Stable of Horſes, that, at the "Pleaſure of the Keeper, undergo the Diſcipline of "the Whip."

### SLOW BELLIES.

St. Paul ſays, that the Cretans are always Liars, evil Beaſts, ſlow Bellies. The Phyſician Hequet underſtood by the Term ſlow Bellies that the Cretans ſeldom went to Stool; and that the Fæces, re-acting on their Blood, put them into a bad Humour, and made them evil Beaſts, ill tempered Brutes. It is very true, that a Man who ſeldom goes to Stool will be more cholerick than another; his Bile does not flow, it is boiled over again, and his Blood grows aduſt.

The Morning that you have a Favour to aſk of a Miniſter, or his firſt Commiſſary, inform yourſelf particularly as to the State of his Bowels. If he has a free Paſſage, it is the *molle tempus fandi.*

Every One knows that a Man's Character and Diſpoſition depends entirely on his Intercouſe with the Neceſſary Houſe. The Cardinal Richlieu would not have been ſo ſanguinary had he not been troubled with Hæmorrhoides in his *inteſtinum rectum,* which indurated the Fæces. Queen Anne of Auſtria always called him Rotten A—e. This Nickname redoubled the Acrimony of his Bile, and probably coſt the Marſhal De Baſſompiere his Liberty, and the Marſhal De Marillac his Life.

Yet I cannot ſee why theſe heavy Bellies ſhould be greater Liars than others; there ſeems to be no Analogy between the Sphincter of the Anus and a Lie, though there is a ſenſible Connection between our Inteſtines and our Paſſions, our Way of thinking and our Conduct.

I am inclined to believe, therefore, that by ſlow Bellies St. Paul meant voluptuous People, ſuch as Priors, Canons, Commendam Abbes, and overgrown Prelates, who lie in Bed all the Morning, to evaporate the Fumes of the Evening Debauch.

## *The glorious* UNCERTAINTIES *of the* LAW.

NOTWITHSTANDING I was deſigned for the Law, and might probably have made a Figure at the Bar, having fortunately ſucceeded to an eaſy Independence, I began to view the Quibbles and Quicks of that Profeſſion through an impartial Medium, and the Reſult of my Obſervations induced me to quit the Purſuit. Meeting with the following Paſſage in Owenus, it made me ſmile, at the ſame Time that it gave me a Diſguſt to the Calling I had been preparing myſelf for upwards of three Years, and at a Time I was qualified to be called up and made a *legal Eſquire.*

Well, ſaid I to myſelf, if the Divine purges the Conſcience, the Phyſician the Purſe, and the Lawyer the Pocket, we may conſider the three genteel Profeſſions as three great Boluſſes; with this Difference, however, that the latter ſeems to have in it the greateſt Infuſion of *petit Larceny.*

An indifferent Arbitration is frequently more advantageous than a ſucceſsful Suit. Many a Man has been ruined by his own Coſts, after obtaining a Verdict in his Favour; whilſt the Counſel who loſt it has been rolling in his Chariot, and his Belly very full.

When Ferdinand the Catholick, of Spain, ſent Coloniſts to America, he took the ſage Precaution of forbidding any Perſon who had ſtudied the Law being of the Number, leſt legal Altercation ſhould be tranſplanted to the new World. Neither is the Ottoman Cuſtom to be deſpiſed, the Method at Conſtantinople of trying a Cauſe being to ſummon the Parties before a Judge, who are there to ſet forth their own Caſes, without the Aſſiſtance of Lawyers; the Judge determines upon the Spot, and Sentence being pronounced, the offending Perſon receives a Baſtinado *pro temerario litigio.* An excellent Method to prevent Litigation, and worthy of Imitation. We ſhould not then have Chancery Suits of twenty and thirty Years ſtanding, Suits that fatten the Lawyers, whilſt the Clients are ſtarving. It is true that a great Number of Quill Drivers would be obliged to take up another Calling, but it is more wholeſome, and full as eligible, to drive a Dung Cart; neither would Weſtminſter Hall be crowded with ſo many Counſellors in and out of Employment, who are *eras et verba locant,* as Martial juſtly expreſſes it. Neither ſhould we ſee ſo many honeſt Men ruined by miſnamed Juſtice.

## THE LONGING WIDOW.

HOW ſeldom do we profit by Advice, but when it coincides with our own Prepoſſeſſions or Prejudices! A certain Widow was ſeized with a violent Longing for the Re-enjoyment of the Comforts of Matrimony; and John, her truſty Servant, was the happy Object of her Choice. To ſatisfy her Doubts, however, as to the Propriety of this Step, ſhe reſolved to conſult the Curate of the Pariſh. "I am not too "old to enter again into Wedlock," ſaid ſhe. *Get married,* replied her Reverend Counſellor. "But "People will ſay, perhaps, that my Spouſe is much "too young for me." *Do not marry.* "Yet he "would help me to manage my Farm." *Marry him.* "I am afraid, however, leſt he ſhould deſpiſe me." *Do not marry him.* "But, at the ſame Time, People "on all Hands laugh at and impoſe upon a poor helpleſs "Widow." *Get married, by all Means.* "My chief "Fear is that he will become great with ſome of my "Maids." *Do not get married, by any Means.* Our Widow, rendered more uncertain than ever by theſe Reſponſes, could not help complaining to the Curate; and he, that Nothing might be left to Hazard in ſo delicate a Point, deſired her to conſult the Pariſh Bells, which were juſt going to ring. In doing this ſhe heard, or thought ſhe heard, them inceſſantly repeat to her, *Marry thy Man John, marry thy Man John.* She accordingly did marry John, and bitterly ſhe repented it. "How (cried ſhe to the Curate, among "other Reproaches) could you leave me to ſo falla"cious an Oracle as the Bells? You miſunderſtood "them, replied the Prieſt. Liſten to them once more. Well, what do they ſay now? "Ah! they ſpeak "Truth now. Would they had done ſo before! "They ſay, *Marry not thy Man John, marry not thy "Man John.*"

## ESSAY *on* HUMAN LIFE *and* HAPPINESS.

WHAT is Life but a Circulation of little mean Actions? We lie down and riſe again, dreſs and undreſs, feed and wax hungry, work or play, and are weary, and then we lie down again, and the Circle returns We ſpend the Day in Trifles, and when the Night comes we throw ourſelves into the Bed of Folly, amongſt Dreams and broken Thoughts, and wild Imaginations. Our Reaſon lies aſleep by us, and we are, for the Time, as arrant Brutes as thoſe that ſleep in the Stalls or in a Field. Are not the Capacities of Man higher than theſe? And ought not his Ambition and Expectations to be greater? Let us be Adventurers for another World; it is at leaſt a fair and noble Chance, and there is Nothing in this worth our Thoughts or our Paſſions. If we ſhould be diſappointed, we are ſtill no worſe than the reſt of our Fellow Mortals; and if we ſucceed in our Expectations, we are eternally happy.

No Poſſeſſion or Enjoyment, within the Round of mortal Affairs, is commenſurate to the Deſires, or adequate to the Capacities, of the Mind. The moſt envied Condition has its Abatements, the happieſt Conjuncture of Fortune leaves behind it many Wiſhes; and, after the higheſt Gratifications, the Mind is carried forward in Purſuit of new Ones, *ad infinitum.* The Love of Virtue, of One's Friends and Country, the generous Sympathy with Mankind, and the heroick Zeal of doing Good, which are all ſo natural to great and noble Minds (ſome Traces of which are found even in the loweſt) are ſeldom united with proportioned Means or Opportunities of exerciſing them; ſo that the moral Spring, the noble Energies and Impulſes of the Mind, can hardly find proper Scope even in the moſt fortunate Condition, but are much depreſſed in ſome, and almoſt entirely reſtrained in others, in the Generality, by the numerous Clogs of an indigent, ſickly, or embarraſſed Life. Shall we allow that ſuch mighty Power, and godlike Affections, were planted in the human Breaſt to be folded up in the narrow Compaſs of our preſent Exiſtence, and never to be produced into a more perfect Life? Does Nature give the finiſhing Touches to the leſſer and more ignoble Inſtances of her Skill, and raiſe every other Creature to the Maturity and Perfection of its Being, and ſhall ſhe be accuſed of leaving her principal Piece of Workmanſhip unfiniſhed? Does ſhe carry the vegetative and animal Life in Man to their full Vigour and higheſt Deſtination, and can we ſuppoſe ſhe will ſuffer his intellectual, his moral, his divine Life, to fade away, and be for ever extinguiſhed? Would not ſuch Abortions in the moral World be incongruous to that Perfection of Wiſdom and Goodneſs which upholds and adorns the natural? And are they not inconſiſtent with the fond Deſire of Immortality, the ſecret Dread of Non-exiſtence, and the high unremitting Pulſe of the Soul beating for Perfection, joined to the Improbability or Impoſſibility of attaining it here?

Theſe Particulars, duly conſidered, will ſoon inform us whether this elaborate Structure, this magnificent Apparatus of inward Powers and Organs, does not plainly point out an *Hereafter, and intimate Eternity to Man.* We muſt therefore conclude that the preſent State, even at its beſt, is only the Womb of Man's Being, in which the moſt noble Principles of his Nature are in a Manner fettered, or ſecluded from a correſpondent Sphere of Action; and therefore deſtined for a future and unbounded State, where they ſhall emancipate themſelves, and exert the Fulneſs of their Stature.

The moſt accompliſhed Mortal, in this low and dark Apartment of Nature, is only the Rudiments of what he ſhall be when he takes his etherial Flight, and puts on Immortality. Without a Reference to that State, we muſt look upon Man to be a mere Abortion, a wide unfiniſhed Embryo, a Monſter in Nature; but this being once ſuppoſed, *beatus ante obitum nemo* (which natural Light alone ſuggeſts) he ſtill maintains his Rank of the Maſterpiece of the Creation, his latent Powers are all ſuitable to the Harmony and Progreſſion of Nature, his noble Aſpiration, and the Pains of his Diſſolution, are only Efforts towards a ſecond Birth, the Pangs of Delivery into Light, Liberty, and Perfection. When the Fetters of his mortal Coil are looſened, and his Priſon Walls broken down, he will be bare and open, on every Side, to the Admiſſion of Truth and Virtue, and their fair Attendant, Happineſs; every vital and

intellectual Spring will evolve itself, with a divine Elasticity, in the free Air of Heaven. He will not then peep at the Universe, and its glorious Author, through a dark Grate, or a gross Medium, nor receive the Reflections of his Glory through the strait Openings of sensible Organs; but he will be "all Eye, all Ear, all divine and etherial Feeling."

As in the Womb we receive our original Constitution, Form, and every Thing essential to our Being, which we carry along with us into the Light, and which greatly affect the succeeding Periods of our Life, so our Temper and Condition in the future Life will depend on the Conduct we have observed, and the Character we have formed, in the present State. We are here, in Miniature, what we shall be at full Length hereafter; the first rude Sketch or Outlines of Reason and Virtue must be drawn at present, to be afterwards enlarged to the Stature and Beauty of Angels.

Those who duly attend to this will not only have a Guard but an Incentive to Virtue; for whoever faithfully and ardently follows the Lights of Knowledge, and pants after higher Improvements in Virtue, will be wonderfully animated in that Pursuit by a full Conviction that the Scene does not close with Life; that his Struggles, arising from the Weakness of Nature, and the Strength of Habit, will be turned into Triumphs; that his Career in the Tracks of Wisdom and Goodness will be both swifter and smoother, and those general Ardours with which he glows towards Heaven (i. e. the Perfection and Immortality of Virtue) will find their adequate Object, and exercise in a Sphere proportionably enlarged, incorruptible, and immortal.

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## ANECDOTE *of Madam* Barré, *the* French *King's Mistress.*

SOME Time after this Lady had publickly lived with the King, her Ambition suggested to her to ask for the Honour of the Guards. His Majesty, who could refuse her Nothing, immediately consented; although the Duke de Choiseul, hearing such a Thing was in Agitation, took every Opportunity to dissuade him from it, but in vain. The King was inflexible, and often diverted his fair Statira with the Duke's Importunities. Some Time after this Affair was given up, the King, Madame Barre, the Princess of Conti, and the Duke de Choiseul, were at a Party of Whist together. The Duke de Choiseul and the Countess were Partners, who in the Course of their Play happened to be *Eight*, a Number well known to entitle the Party to call *Honours*. The Countess de Barre, who had three in her own Hand, asked her Partner, the Duke (as usual in such Cases) "Can you one?" "No, Madame," replied the Duke, shaking his Head. "Why then (replied the Countess, giving him a very significant Look, and laying down her Cards at the same Time) I have got the *Honours* without you." This Sarcasm, so evidently levelled, had such an Effect on his Grace that he instantly pleaded Illness, and begged Leave to retire; to the no small Amusement of the rest of the Party, who were equally pleased with the Excellency of the *Bon Mot* as with the Duke's Mortification.

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IT was a very fine Piece of Oratory for a young Lawyer at the Bar, who was Counsel against a Highwayman, when he observed, that the Prosecutor had been robbed of a certain Quantity of Ore, which being purified by Fire, cut into circular Pieces, and impressed with the Image of a King, and the Arms of a State, brought with it the Necessaries, the Conveniences, and the Luxuries of Life. "I'll be hanged (says an honest Country Gentleman, who was standing by) "if this flourishing Fool does not mean Money." If he had said it in one Word, would not all the rest have been implied?

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WE have one peculiar Elegance in our Language, above all others, which is conspicuous in the Word *Fellow*. This Word, added to any of our Adjectives, extremely varies, or quite alters the Sense of that with which it is joined. Thus, though a modest Man is the most unfortunate of all Men, a modest Fellow is superlatively happy. A modest Fellow is a ready Creature, who with great Humility, and as great Forwardness, visits his Patrons at all Hours, meets them at all Places, and has so moderate an Opinion of himself that he makes his Court at large. If you will not give him a great Employment, he will be glad of a little One. He has so profound a Deference for his Benefactor's Judgment, that, as he thinks himself fit for any Thing he can get he is above Nothing which is offered. He is like the young Bachelor of Arts, who came to Town recommended to a Chaplain's Place; but as no such Place was vacant, accepted of the Occupation of a Postillion.

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## *A remarkable Passage from* Cicero's *Treatise* De Legibus, *concerning* MUSICK.

THE Good and Evil in a State depends greatly on the *Musick* that is most encouraged in it. If it be *light* and *wanton*, the People are insensibly rendered *foolish* and *disorderly*; if, on the contrary, it be *grave* and *masculine*, they become *modest* by its Influence.

## LONDON, *October* 30.

SOME Time ago a Bailiff, who had tried almost every Expedient to arrest a Quaker, without Success, resolved to adopt the Habit and Manner of One, in Expectation of better Fortune. In this Disguise, he knocked at Aminadab's Door, and inquired if he was at home; the Housekeeper replied, Yes. Can I see him? says the Pseudo-Quaker. Walk in, Friend, replies she, and *he shall see thee*. The Bailiff, confident of Success, walked in; but, after waiting an Hour, he rang the Bell, and on the Housekeeper's appearing said, "Thou promised me I should see Friend Aminadab." "No, Friend (answered the female Quaker) I promised thee no such Thing: I only promised that *He* should see *Thee*; he has seen *Thee*, and he does not like *Thee*." Upon which Mr. Catchpole (as is usual with such Gentry) vented his Passion in Oaths and Imprecations, and retired not a little vexed at the Disappointment.

A Lady lately died in the Neighbourhood of Durham, who had, in the Space of of five Years, married four Husbands. The Lady's Name was *Penny*, her first Husband's Name *Pennyman*, the second *Pennyworth*, the third *Pennymore*, and the fourth *Pennyless*.

The following is an Account of what lately happened at a Village in North Wales, which is known to be fact. An aged Woman, possessed of a handsome Income, died suddenly; on which her Relations came to take Possession of the Effects, and found in Cash but twopence Halfpenny. Her Household consisted of a poor Apprentice Girl, aged 15 Years, and a Magpie. The Relations examined the Girl very strictly, but she solemnly declared she knew Nothing of her Mistress's Affairs, &c. In the Midst of this Stir, the Magpie struck their Attention, by chattering *I'll hide more yet*, and beating his Bill against one particular Plank in the Floor; which caused a Gentleman present to say there was great Sagacity in those Birds, on which a Carpenter was sent for, who with great Difficulty took up the Plank, and found it double, and fastened in the Floor by a strong Steel Spring, which the old Lady could take up at Pleasure, and on opening was found to contain upwards of 900l. The double Plank had a Crevice in one End, where she pushed in the Money; and as there was a long Wire found in a Closet adjoining, it is thought it was used that the Entrance should not be choked.

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## BOSTON, *January* 3.

IT having been reported that one Withington, of Dorchester, had taken up and partly disposed of a Chest of the East India Company's Tea, a Number of the Cape or Narraganset Indians went to the House of Captain Ebenezer Withington, and his Brother Philip Withington (both living on the lower Road from Boston to Milton) last Friday Evening, and with their Consent thoroughly searched their Houses, without offering the least Offence to any One; but, finding no Tea, they proceeded to the House of old Ebenezer Withington, at a Place called Sodom, below Dorchester Meeting House, where they found Part of a Half Chest, which had floated, and was cast on Dorchester Point. This they seized, and brought to Boston Common, where they committed it to the Flames.

A Correspondent says, the Opposition to the landing of the East India Company's Tea was general, not only in this but the neighbouring Governments; of which the Governour, his two Sons, Consignees, with the rest of the Fraternity, were conscious, from the repeated Applications made to them to resign their Appointments to Office, or immediately order the Return of said Article in the same Bottom in which it came. But all to no Purpose; for they turned a deaf Ear to the Remonstrances made by this and the neighbouring Towns, which met from Time to Time, during the Space of twenty Days, to consult, advise, and determine, in an Affair of such Importance to the whole Country. The twenty Days near expiring, after which the said Tea must be landed and pay the Duty, or be seized by the Commissioners, which is tantamount, contrary to the determinate Voice of the whole Community, the Towns convened the last Time, viz. on the 16th ult. but, though earnestly contended for, in Order to still the Tumults of the People, and thereby prevent, if possible, the Embezzlement or Destruction of the Fast India Company's Property, which they feared would be the Consequence if not reshipped, they could not obtain a Clearance from the Collector, nor a proper Protest or Pass from the Governour; whereupon the Meeting was dissolved, and expected Destruction followed. Having thus (he says) with the utmost Precision, given a true and impartial State of the Case, he would draw this Inference from the Premises: "Whereas "the Consignees with whom the Tea was intrusted, "or the Governour, who was their Principal and "Abetter, did not (as they ought not to have done) "exert themselves for the Preservation of the same, "which was in their Power during the twenty Days, "but through wilful Stubbornes, and Neglect, suffered the Company's Interest to be destroyed, my "Opinion is, that they, and they only, are accountable for the Loss; and that no Judicature under "Heaven, before whom the Matter should be fairly "debated, could do otherwise than give against "them."

## WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 10.

AT a late Meeting of the Fredericksburg JOCKEY CLUB, which already consists of 44 Members, it was directed that the following Premiums which they offer should be made publick, viz. Five Guineas to the Person who brings to the Market of that Town, on Monday the 3d of October next, the largest and fattest Bullock, and three Guineas to whoever brings the six largest and fattest Muttons; the Premiums to be adjudged by a Committee of the Club.—The Races there are to commence the first Tuesday in October, and the Jockey Club Plate is to be one Hundred Guineas.

From New York we learn, that Captain GEORGE SMITH, of the Brig Nancy, who lately brought in a Number of Highlanders there, precipitately sailed from thence the 15th ult. at four in the Morning, for Charlestown South Carolina; he being apprehensive that his inhuman Behaviour to those People would subject him to condign Punishment, which it is to be hoped still awaits such a savage Monster. Upwards of a Hundred Persons died on the Passage, fifty of them young Children, who were starved to Death, and otherwise cruelly treated, by this Barbarian.

We hear that the Earl of Dartmouth, by express Command of his Majesty, has sent circular Letters to all the Governours in America, containing a Number of Queries relating to the Provinces over which they preside, and to which they are to transmit Answers as speedily as may be.

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*Entered in the Upper District of* JAMES *River.*

*February* 7. Brig Molly, Samuel Mitchinson, from Bourdeaux, in Ballast.

11. Ship Speirs, John Lusk, from Barbados, with 58 Hhds. and 20 Barrels of Muscovado Sugar, 20 Barrels of Limes, and 50 Tierces of Beef.

*Cleared Outwards.*

*February* 5. Ship Neptune, Archibald White, for Barcelona, with 20,500 Bushels of Wheat, 5000 Staves, and 4000 Shingles.

5. Schooner Salisbury, Richard Ober, for Salem, with 2380 Bushels of Corn, 180 Bushels of Wheat, 30 Bushels of Beans, and 1 Cask of Rum.

5. Schooner Hannah, David Bickford, for Salem, with 1200 Bushels of Corn, 200 Bushels of Wheat, 9 Barrels of Flower, 15 Bushels of Beans, and 5 Bushels of Peafe.

7. Schooner Nancy, John Willis, for Salem, with 1500 Bushels of Corn, 200 Bushels of Wheat, 40 Bushels of Beans, 20 Bushels of Flower, and 2 Shoats.

7. Schooner Neptune, Crowell Hatch, for Boston, with 14 Barrels of Flower, 21 Tuns of Hemp, 1003 Bushels of Corn, 801 Bushels of Wheat, and 20 Kegs of Lard.

8. Ship Fly, Richard Barron, for Liverpool, with 701 Hhds. of Tobacco, 2 Hhds. of Deer Skins, 11,750 Staves, and 1654 Feet of Oak Plank.

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*Entered in the Lower District of* JAMES RIVER.

*January* 21. Schooner Polly, John Bohanan, from New York, with 1500 Weight of Cheese, 4 Barrels of Beef, 12 Kegs of Bread, 1 Box of Spermaceti Candles, and 4 Boxes of Chocolate.

21. Schooner Sophia, John Rudd, from Maryland, with 300 Barrels of Flower.

23. Brigantine Rachel, John Clay, from New Jersey, with 50,000 Feet of Boards, and 8000 Shingles.

24. Sloop Grace and Sally, Christopher Wilson, from Antigua, with Ballast, and 1 Negro.

24. Schooner Friends, Nicholas Henson, from Barbados, with 27 Pipes, 9 Hhds. and 7 Quarter Casks of Wine.

29. Schooner Robert, Henry Keel, from St. Eustatia, with 4 Casks of foreign Sugar, 2 Tierces of Molosses, 3 Barrels of foreign Indigo, and 300l. Virginia Currency.

31. Brigantine Venus, George Atkinson, from Philadelphia, in Ballast.

*February* 1. Sloop Jenny, John Hughes, from New York, with 2 Hhds. of Rum.

1. Ship Hartley, Edward Foster, from Whitehaven, with European Goods.

2. Sloop Lucy, George Keeble, from Montserrat, with 40 Hhds. of Rum.

*Cleared Outwards.*

*January* 21. Schooner Betsey, John Brown, for Barbados, with 1668½ Bushels of Corn, 102 Bushels of Peafe, and 6800 Shingles.

21. Ship Britannia, John Sauder, for Cadiz, with 7240 Bushels of Wheat, 200 Bushels of Peafe, and 25 Barrels of Flower.

23. Sloop Speedwell, John Ardis, for Antigua, with 1000 Bushels of Corn, 400 Bushels of Peafe, 15 Barrels of Pork, 90 Tierces of Bread, 90 Barrels of Flower, and 30,000 Shingles.

24. Sloop Susannah, Robert Blaws, for Antigua, with 97 Barrels of Pork, 50 Barrels of Bread, 75 Barrels of Flower, 1330 Bushels of Corn, 213 Bushels of Peafe, 9760 Staves, and 13,200 Shingles.

27. Ship Minerva, James Leitch, for Greenock, with 1302 Barrels of Tar, 10,000 Staves, and 1500 Shingles.

27. Schooner Bumper, Edward Booker, for Jamaica, with 397½ Barrels of Pork, 15 Barrels of Lard, and 8 Barrels of Rice.

29. Brigantine Molly, John Collins, for Lisbon, with 7000 Bushels of Wheat.

29. Schooner Polly, William Gartan, for Antigua, with 1500 Bushels of Corn, 400 Bushels of Peafe, 80 Barrels of Pork, and 10 Barrels of Bread,

*February* 2. Brigantine John, Hugh Kennedy, for Antigua, with 184 Barrels of Pork, 136 Barrels of Beef, 50 Barrels of Flower, 39 Barrels of Bread, 5000 Staves, and 20,000 Shingles.

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## *To the* PRINTER.

SIR,

I SCARCE know any Thing so ridiculous as what is called a *Paper War*, whether publick or private. Each Scribbler is perfectly convinced that he is in the right, and attacks his Antagonist with Arguments which seem unanswerable and irresistible to himself, but which, for the same Reason, have no Effect upon his Adversary; as both are so far from weighing the Allegations which make against themselves, that they do not attend enough to them to know their Purport. Thus, each Combatant attacks the very Place which is covered by Prejudice with impenetrable Armour, and is therefore invulnerable; each wearies himself with striking, and each is astonished that his Blows are not felt.—"D——n the Blockhead, he is as insensible as a Stone; you may as well beat a Stockfish, or make Passes against a Brick Wall."—These Words are exchanged with equal Energy, and equal Dissatisfaction.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

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## *To* TILLIAS.

I CANNOT help sympathising with you on the Situation of our almost ruined Country, but why this Calamity should be imputed to the *Scotch* is what I cannot account for. Have not they, as well as the People from other Countries, ventured their Lives and Properties in the Settlement of America? And if, by Care and Industry, they can improve their Fortunes, by dealing on the same Terms that others do, why should they be envied for their Success? Is not Trade the Mother of Industry? And ought not this Industry to be husbanded with Care, so that the Call of our Wants may not exceed the Degree of our Abilities? And if we over-reach these Abilities, are we not the Seekers of our own Ruin and Slavery? Then why should the *Scotch* stand charged

with being Enemies to our Freedom, which we resign, by a voluntary Act of our own, when we fall into Extravagancies which they never excited us to? Yet so unwilling are we to acknowledge our own Faults that we falsely attribute them to others, under the Censure of Extortion. I would therefore recommend to you, Tillias, to check every Idea of Extravagance that arises in your Mind, especially those which have a visible Tendency to Evil; for our Passions and Wants are our greatest Enemies, when unreasonably indulged. First conquer these, and the Honour of Triumph will belong to you, by making you happy in your Constitution and Estate; and never aim at introducing popular Tumults, which are always productive of much Confusion, and frequently terminate in actual Tyranny. As good Policy tells us that a vicious Conduct never merits Esteem, so, had yours been worthy of it, you would have provided Means to discharge former Contracts before you laid Schemes for future Grandeur. And always comfort yourself with this, that while there is Life there is Hope; so that no Misfortunes, Troubles, or Pain, how great soever, are without a Remedy, for which Purpose I will give you the following Receipt, by Way of Advice: "Keep your Tongue from evil "speaking, your Pen from Falsehood, or (rather) "resign these and take to the Plough; for Industry "produceth Wealth, and the Acquirement of that "will make you free."

PHILALETHES.

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*Mr.* PURDIE,

MANY of your Readers in my Neighbourhood beg the Favour of you to get your Bruton Parish Disputants, if they intend appearing again in the Gazette, to make Use of Hebrew, or some Language that we common Folks don't understand, to rally one another; for we are heartily tired with their Criticisms upon All-Fours and All-Twos, the Operation of turning Milk into Curds, and the Change wrought into a Crab (which we have heard is only a small Species of the Lobster) by its being boiled, all which Matters we understand as well as the best of them; and are, Sir, your Readers and Wellwishers.

A. B. C. D. & F.

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☞ The Piece signed A VIRGINIAN, from King William, although dated the 6th ult. is but just come to Hand. The chief Subject is the Uneasiness which the Author felt at the Opposition made by our Northward Brethren to the landing of the East India Company's Tea, he being apprehensive that some violent Measures would be adopted, which might end in the Annihilation of our American Legislatures, and introduce a military Government; and he is of Opinion, moreover, that we may as well buy Tea from the Company's Agents here as purchase it from Merchants who import it from England, the Duty being paid there by one as well as the other. Now as the Result of those Fears of his, we hope, is groundless, and his Doctrine not likely to be adopted by his Countrymen, it seems unnecessary, at this Juncture, to publish the Whole of his Performance; for the East India Company have had too bad Luck with their first Adventure ever to think of sending another, and the Ministry, from past Experience, are too wise to attempt any Thing against America which may affect its commercial Intercourse with the Parent State, whose Prosperity so much depends upon that Cement of Nations.

*Mr.* BRACKEN's *Reply to Mr. Henley came too late for this Week's Paper, but will have a Place in our next.*

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## Advertisements.

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IT is absolutely necessary that the sundry Claimants in the Patent granted to Mr. *John Savage*, and others, who were with Colonel *George Washington* at the Battle of the *Meadows*, for 28,617 Acres of Land on the *Great Sandy* Creek, a Branch of the *Ohio*, should have a Meeting, to fix on a Time for making a Division of the said Land, and to pay off the contingent Expenses attending the first Survey. This is therefore to give Notice to those concerned in the said Patent to meet at *Winchester*, on *Saturday* the 5th of *March*, to take proper Measures on this Occasion.

CHARLES SMITH.
(2‖) ANGUS M'DONALD.
WILLIAM BUFFINGTON.
GABRIEL JONES.

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COLEMAN THEEDS, and ELIZABETH his Wife, having this Day parted by mutual Consent, and given Bond each to the other, the Subscribers being Witnesses to their Agreement, that they will not interfere with any Estate which shall hereafter accrue to either Party, this Notice is given in the Gazette, that no Person, after this Date, may credit the Wife on the Husband's Account, or the Husband upon that of the Wife's. Given under our Hands, this 24th Day of *June*, 1773.

RICHARD BEASLEY.
JOHN JAMES.

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YORK COUNTY, *February* 4, 1774.

I INTEND to leave the Colony soon.
(‖) ALEXANDER GRAHAM.

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*To be* SOLD, *or* RENTED,

THE HOUSES and LOTS in *Hanover* Town late in the Possession of Mr. *John Meriwether*, immediate Possession of which will be given to the Purchaser. The Dwelling-House and all necessary Outhouses are in good Repair, there is a large Garden and back Yard, newly paled in, and the Situation is very convenient for an Ordinary and the Reception of Boarders The Time of Payment will be made easy. For Terms apply to

ARCHIBALD GOVAN.
JOHN JOHNSON.

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LUNENBURG, *February* 1, 1774.

THERE is arrived, in some Vessel lately from *Glasgow*, a small BOX directed to the Subscriber (to the Care, I believe, of Mr. *George Wright*, Merchant in *Acadia* County) containing some Books, and probably some other Things; but as the Letter and Invoice are put up in the Box, it is impossible for me to know what else may be in it. It will be esteemed a great Favour for the Captain of the Vessel, or any Person who may have such a Box in his Possession, to forward it to Mr. *Andrew Johnston*, Jun. Merchant in *Petersburg*, who will pay all Charges. (‖) DAVID FERGUSON.

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*For* SALE, *altogether or in Parcels*,

A TRACT of rich high LAND, containing 1070 Acres, on the Waters of *Wreck Island* Creek, in *Buckingham* County, at 50l. per Hundred Acres, if all sold together; on the said Tract is a Plantation of about twelve Acres under a good Fence, which has been cultivated one Year only. Also for Sale, another Tract of good Tobacco Land, containing 640 Acres, on the Head Branches of *Appamattox*, in the said County, almost joining the Lines of the former Tract; on it is a Plantation of about 50 Acres, under good Fencing, and in good Order for Croping, with convenient Dwelling-Houses, Tobacco Houses, &c. These Tracts of Land are about 95 computed Miles from *Rocky Ridge* Inspection. One Third of the Purchase Money to be paid in *April* 1775, and Credit allowed two or three Years longer for the Remainder, on paying Interest. I will make a large Discount for ready Money.

(2‖) THOMAS PATTESON.

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*For* SALE,

A TRACT of Land in *Gloucester* County, containing upwards of 300 Acres, pleasantly situated on *Mobjack* Bay, between *East* and *North* Rivers. There is a good Dwelling-House, and all other convenient Buildings; the Land is as good as any in *Kingston* Parish, and there are about fifteen Acres of Marsh. It will be sold cheap, for ready Money.

JOHN WILLIS.

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*To be* SOLD, *on* Monday *the* 21*st of this Instant* (February) *at the House of* Harry Beverley, *Esq; deceased, near* Port Royal,

ALL the personal Estate of the said *Beverley*, consisting of HOUSEHOLD GOODS of all Kinds, KITCHEN FURNITURE, a large Stock of BLACK CATTLE, HORSES, ASSES, MULES, SHEEP, and HOGS; also a Quantity of INDIAN CORN, WHEAT, PEASE, and FODDER. Six Months Credit will be allowed, for all Sums above twenty five Shillings. Bond and approved Security will be required. All Persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to pay off, or at least to come and settle their Accounts; and those who have Claims are desired to send them properly attested, that we may know which of the Creditors are to have a Preference in Case of a Deficiency.

JOHN TENNANT. } Administrators.
JOHN WALSH. }

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*To be* RENTED, *for a Year or Terms of Years*,

THE LOTS and HOUSES in *Hanover* Town, the Property of *Samuel Gist*, Esq; of *London*; they are in good Repair, having a large commodious Brick Store with two convenient Rooms, a large Granary, a Kitchen, a Stable with two Sheds, and a Garden well paled in, the whole fit either for the Reception of a Merchant or private Family. For Terms apply to THOMAS SMITH.

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*To be* SOLD *at* Tappahannock, *on* Monday *the* 18*th of* April, *by Virtue of a Decree of the Honourable General Court, bearing Date the* 10*th of* April, 1773,

TWO LOTS numbered 47 and 50, and Half of a Lot Number 49, in the Town of *Tappahannock*, on which there is a good Dwelling-House and sundry other Houses, lately possessed by *William Ramsay*, deceased, and by him mortgaged to *James Ritchie* and Co. The Widow of the said *William Ramsay* has a Right of Dower in the afore-mentioned Lots, but will join in Deeds to convey her Right. Credit will be allowed the Purchaser till the 25th of *October*, or perhaps longer, if required, upon giving Bond with approved Security, to bear Interest from the Day of Sale. (6)

W. WODDROP, Attorney for *James Ritchie*, and Co.

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*To be* RENTED, *for a Terms of Years, on* Friday *the* 18*th Instant* (February) *if fair, otherwise next fair Day, on the Premises*,

THE TAVERN lately occupied by Mr. *John New*, at *Gloucester* Courthouse, a large two Story House, Billiard Table, and Offices of every Kind, new and convenient, with a good Garden paled in, and a Lot posted and railed. At the same Time and Place will be rented, for a Term of Years, a Tavern at the above Place lately kept by *William Hall*; the Buildings are large and convenient, and there is a Garden. Any Persons who wants the above Taverns shall have Land on the said Tract upon reasonable Terms, to work ten Negroes, or less. Also will be rented, the Storehouse with a Counting Room and Fire Place, lately kept by Mr. *Francis Whiting*. The Tavern Keepers that lately lived at the above Place have acquired genteel Fortunes in a few Years, and the Place is increasing in Value.

On the above Day and Place will be SOLD, a large Parcel of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCKS of CATTLE, &c. and a Quantity of BACON. The Persons who rent the above Taverns may be supplied with any of the above Articles. (1) JOHN FOX.

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LOST by a Negro two Miles from *Woodson*'s Ferry, in *Henrico*, a BROWN BAY MARE, fourteen Hands high, a small Snip on her Nose, a short Switch Tail, and branded on the near Buttock N B. Whoever delivers her to me, in *King William*, shall have 20s.

NATHANIEL BURWELL.

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CHESTERFIELD County, *January* 22, 1774.

RUN away, about the first of *November*, a Negro Woman named RACHEL, well made, about 22 Years of Age, four Feet eight or nine Inches high, had on when she went away Osnabrug and blue Halfthick Petticoats, a blue and white flowered Linen Waistcoat, and a Felt Hat; she has been brought up in the House, combs her Hair long, endeavouring to impose herself on the Publick for a free Woman, and is apt to change her Name. I purchased her of Mr. *Jabez Pitt* of *Maryland*, and expect she will endeavour to get there. Whoever apprehends the said Negro, and conveys her to me, shall have 3l. Reward, if taken in this Colony, and if in any other 5l.

JOHN JONES.

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TAKEN up, in *King George*, a BLACK MARE, four Feet seven Inches high, about four Years old, dockt, but no Brand perceivable. (‖) GERARD BANKS.

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TAKEN up, in *Princess Anne*, a BRINDLED HEIFER two Years old, marked with a Crop, Undernick, and Overnick, in the left Ear, and a Crop, under Half Crop, and Slit, in the right. Posted, and appraised to 25s. (‖) ELIZABETH HAYNES.

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TAKEN up, in *Prince Edward*, a RED and WHITE STEER marked with a Crop and two Underkeels in each Ear, and appears to be ten or twelve Years old. Posted, and appraised to 3l. 10s.

JAMES REID.

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TAKEN up, at a Plantation of Mr. *John Smith*'s, in *Bedford*, a small BRIGHT BAY MARE about four Feet and an Inch high, a small Slit in her left Ear, had on a large Bell, but no Brand or other Mark perceivable; also a BAY HORSE COLT about two Years old, neither dockt nor branded. Posted and appraised, the Mare and Bell to 4l. 10s. and the Colt to 4l.

(‖) JAMES CHARLES.

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TAKEN up, in *King George*, a RED and WHITE PIED COW marked with a Slit in the right Ear, and Half Spade in the left.

(‖) EDWARD HOAR.

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TAKEN up, in *King George*, a small SORREL MARE about eight Years old, three Feet seven Inches high, branded on the off Buttock H, and appears to have been branded with the same Letter on the near Buttock, but not very perceivable.

(‖) JAMES THRELKELD,

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WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 1, 1774.

THE Court of Directors appointed to superintend the *publick Hospital* in this City, finding that the Act of Assembly by which it is established hath not, in several Instances, been properly attended to, judge it necessary to give some farther Cautions, to save the Trouble and Expense of sending such Persons to the Hospital, as, in their Opinions, are in no Sort proper Objects of the Law. From the Preamble of the Act of Assembly, it is evident that the Legislature had only those unhappy Idiots, Lunaticks, and Persons of unsound Minds in their Contemplation, whose Cases were not become *desperate*, and therefore might probably be cured, and such also as might be dangerous to Society; but it seems far from their Intention to exonerate Parishes of the Expenses of their Poor, by having them placed in the publick Hospital, unless they come under one of the above Descriptions. There may be many Instances of Persons disordered in their Minds from whom no Kind of Danger is to be apprehended, and who, from the long Continuance and Inveteracy of their Complaints, can have no Prospect of being relieved in the Hospital. Many others, from being frequently intoxicated by Liquor, may become troublesome in their Neighbourhoods; but such are not thought proper Patients, and are therefore returned to their former Residence.

It is once more recommended to the Magistrates to attend and conform strictly to the Act of Assembly, and particularly to the Preamble, and the third, fourth, and seventh Sections. The Persons supposed to be disordered in their Senses are not only to be examined by the Magistrates, but the Magistrates are also required "to take such Evidence in *Writing* "touching his or her Insanity, and the CAUSES OF IT, as they can "procure; and, if it appears EXPEDIENT AND NECESSARY, such "disordered Persons, together with the Depositions taken before the Ma-"gistrates, are to be sent to the Hospital, &c. and if it shall appear to "the Court of Directors that such Persons are proper Objects of the Act, "they are to enter their Names in a Book to be kept for the Purpose, and "pursue such Measures as each Case may require." From hence, it becomes the Duty of the Directors to be careful in not receiving improper Objects; and the better to enable them to form a right Judgment, it is necessary that they should have the Evidence before them: The Causes of the Disorders, if they can be discovered, may be of singular Service to the Court, but more especially to the Physician who attends the Patients.

If any of those unfortunate People, described by the Act, are possessed of Estates sufficient to defray the Expenses of their Support and Maintenance, the several County and other Courts are required to settle the Allowance to be made to the Hospital for such Support and Maintenance out of their Estates, having Regard to the neat Profits thereof. Should Persons sent have no Estates, it will be taken kindly if the Magistrates will be pleased to certify this also, as it will save the Trouble of making farthing Inquiries upon this Head.

Published by Order of the Court of Directors.

JACOB BRUCE, Clerk.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 3, 1774.

A SMALL NEGRO BOY was brought to my House, in the Night of the 9th ult. by some Person unknown, and left there. He says his Name is *John*, that he belongs to Mr. *John Johnson* of *Hanover*, and that his Master sent him to me by a Man who brought down a Cart Load of Wheat. I will deliver him to the Owner, upon his proving his Property and paying Charges.

JAMES SOUTHALL.

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NEW KENT, *February* 1, 1774.

ALL Persons who have any Demands against the Estate of *John Clayton*, late of *Gloucester* County, deceased, are desired to apply for Payment; and all those indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment, to

(2‖) WILLIAM CLAYTON, Executor.

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NORFOLK, *February* 1, 1774.

WE have just imported a Parcel of choice MADEIRA WINE, of the *London*, *New York*, and *Virginia* Qualities, which we will sell on the most reasonable Terms.

(7) JOHN LAWRENCE, & Co.

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FEBRUARY 3, 1774.

SEVERAL likely *Virginia* born SLAVES will be sold for ready Money, before the *Raleigh* Tavern, on *Wednesday* the 16th Instant. (2‖)

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*Just* IMPORTED,

A NEAT and elegant Assortment of PAPER HANGINGS for Rooms and Passages, a few Sets of *Richards*'s famous TYPES for marking Linen and Books, some very fine SADDLES, Calimanco SHOES, &c. &c. which are selling off cheap, for ready Money, by the Subscriber in *Williamsburg*. BENJAMIN BUCKTROUT.

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*To be* SOLD, *by Virtue of a Writ of* Venditioni Exponas, *for ready Money, at* King William *Courthouse, on* Wednesday *the* 16*th of this Instant* (February)

THE following TRACTS of LAND, viz. The Plantation of Mr. *Roger Gregory*, on *Mattapony* River, near *Fraser*'s Ferry, containing about 600 Acres, whereon is a very commodious and valuable Brick Dwelling-House, with all necessary Outhouses; also the Plantation of Mr. *Richard Gregory* whereon he lives, containing about 320 Acres; likewise the Plantation of Mr. *Holt Richeson* whereon he lives, containing about 782 Acres; together with one Half of a MILL called *Cohoke*, lying near *Pamunkey* River.

At the same Time and Place will be SOLD, by Virtue of a Writ of *Fieri Facias*, the two TRACTS of LAND above described belonging to Messrs. *Roger* and *Richard Gregory*, and also a Tract of Land belonging to Mr. *Ferdinando Leigh*, near *Ruffin*'s Ferry, containing about 850 Acres, together with the CROPS of CORN made on each of the above Plantations.

THOMAS ROSE, Sub Sheriff.

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*To be* SOLD, *by Virtue of a Writ of* Fieri Facias, *at* King William *Courthouse, on* Wednesday *the* 16*th of this Instant* (February)

A TRACT of valuable LAND, about three Miles below the Courthouse, containing about 500 Acres, also about eight NEGROES, to satisfy *Usher*'s Assignees THOMAS ROSE, Sub Sheriff.

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*To be* SOLD *at Mr.* Giles Harden's *Ordinary, in* Goochland *County, on* Tuesday *the* 22*d of this Instant* (February) *if fair, otherwise next fair Day*,

ABOUT twenty likely VIRGINIA born SLAVES, consisting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls; for ready Money, or short Credit. THOMAS ROSE.

*** All Persons having Demands against the Estate of the late Mr. *William Neale* are desired to make them known. T. R.

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*For* CHARTER,

THE Brig *Hartley*, *Edward Foster* Master, six Months only off the Stocks, Burthen about 400 Hogsheads, or 10,000 Bushels. For Terms apply to

GREENWOOD, RITSON, & MARSH.

*** Who have for Sale *Whitehaven* COALS, and a Quantity of *Kendal* COTTONS, just arrived in the said Brig.

NORFOLK, *January* 31, 1774.

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*For* CHARTER, *to any Port of* Europe, *or the* West Indies,

THE Ship *Nestor*, *John Harrison* Master, Burthen 250 Tuns, a prime Sailer, and has excellent Accommodations for Passengers. For Terms apply to the said Master, or to

(2) JOHN BROWN, & Co.

*** Who have for Sale *Jamaica* and *Leeward Island* RUM, Muscovado SUGAR, *Madeira* and *Port* WINE, COFFEE, PIMENTA, a few NEGROES, and an Assortment of EUROPEAN GOODS.

## POETS CORNER.

### VIRTUE, *in Days of Yore, preferred to* GOLD.

HAPPY was Virtue in the Times of old,
When golden Ages saw Contempt of Gold;
Ere yet for Equipage coy Virgins sigh'd,
Or Men of Sense for glittering Dowdies dy'd;
Ere Passion learn'd by Rules of Trade to move,
Or Love was exil'd from the Realms of Love:
Then the chaste Lyre in sylvan Verse complain'd,
With Nature's Blush the modest Cheek was stain'd;
Pair shone the Heart through Truth's transparent Shield,
As Gems by Crystal guarded though reveal'd;
Whilst Faith and Virtue bore the mutual Vow,
Through whispering Groves, and the glad Vales below;
Nor Happiness on hasty Pinions fled,
The Pair just rising from the nuptial Bed,
Long liv'd, long lov'd, the Husband and the Wife,
The Flame was mutual, and it burn'd for Life.

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*To be* SOLD, *on the Premises, to the highest Bidder, for ready Money, on the 16th of* February, *agreeable to the last Will and Testament of* Richard Pyland, *deceased,*

A TRACT of LAND in *Surry* County, lying on the main Road leading from the Courthouse to the lower Church, containing 170 Acres. The Improvements are a Dwelling-House, Kitchen, *&c.* a good Apple Orchard, and some Peach Trees.

(a) ROBERT PYLAND.

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COMMITTED to the publick Jail, a Runaway Negro Man, named BEN, middle sized, very black, has a Mole on his right Eye, stoops a little when he walks, and appears to be above forty Years old; being an *African*, he speaks bad *English*, but says he understand that he belongs to the Estate of *William Smith*, deceased, whose Widow used him ill, which induced him to run away, but he cannot, or will not, inform where she lives. His Owner is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

(tf) PETER PELHAM.

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COMMITTED to the Jail of *Middlesex*, a Mulatto Man Slave, who says he belongs to Mr. *John Brewdon* of *Northampton*; he is about 26 Years of Age, and five Feet six Inches high. The Owner is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

(8) ELIZABETH DANIEL, Jaller.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 3, 1774.

RUN away, a Negro Girl named JUDITH, about fourteen Years old; she has a Mother at Mr. *Hornsby*'s Plantation in *James City*, and very likely may be harboured by her. Whoever brings her to me shall have TEN SHILLINGS.

(tf) JOHN CARTER.

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NORFOLK, *January* 29, 1774.

AS the Copartnery of *James Campbell* and Company expires in *August* next, all Persons indebted thereto are desired to make speedy Payment; and as there is a great Number of Accounts which have been long outstanding, those who fail to pay, or give Bond or otherwise, as or before the Meeting of the Merchants in *Williamsburg*, may depend upon being sued. In the Meantime, the Business will be carried on as usual.

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PRINCE GEORGE, *January* 4, 1774.

THE Creditors of the late Mr. SAMUEL GORDON are desired to give in their several Claims against his Estate to Mr. *John Baird*, in Order that they may be discharged as soon as the Money can possibly be raised, as I am determined to bring Matters to a Conclusion as soon as it is in my Power. The Debtors cannot therefore plead any longer Indulgence.

ALEXANDER GORDON, Administrator.

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*For* CHARTER *to any Part of* Europe,

THE Ship *Margaret*, *Robert Speirs* Master, a fine new Vessel, Burthen 400 Hogsheads, and now lying at *Norfolk*. For Terms apply to *Andrew Sprowle*, of *Gosport*, or the Master on Board.

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PETERSBURG, *January* 14, 1774.

THE Subscriber has six Bales of ROLLS (imported last Month in the *Thomas*) which he will sell at a very low Advance, for Tobacco or Cash. They cost from 5d. three Farthings to 6d. Halfpenny, and are very good at the Price.

HENRY LOCHHEAD.

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*To be* SOLD, *to the highest Bidder, at* March Pittsylvania *Court,*

MY Plantation on Turkey Cock, near the said Courthouse, with 1100 Acres of Land. As I have already given some Description of the Land and Plantation, it is needless to say any Thing more on that Head. About one half of the Purchase Money is to be paid down; or if the Payments cannot be made certain by the latter End of the ensuing General Court, it will be sufficient. Two Years Credit will be allowed for the Balance, on giving good Security; and the Bond to carry Interest from the Date, if not paid in Time.

GEORGE JEFFERSON.

*N. B.* I shall be ready at the Time above mentioned to treat with any Person for any other Part of my Lands in the said County.

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*To be* SOLD, *to the highest Bidder, on* Tuesday *the* 15th *of* March, *on the Premises, and may be entered on immediately,*

A VALUABLE Tract of LAND on *Dan* River, *Halifax* County, containing 1758 Acres, Part of which is rich low Grounds, and there are all convenient Houses on it. A farther Description is thought needless, as it is presumed no Person will purchase without viewing it. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed for one Half the Purchase Money, and two Years for the Remainder. Mr. *John Baird* will treat for the Land and attend the Sale, to whom Bond and Security is to be given. Mrs. *Pryde*'s Dower is laid upon this Land. I will show the Land at any Time before the Sale.

(7) WILLIAM WADE.

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KING & QUEEN, *January* 12, 1773.

WHEREAS a certain *John Jeek* (alias *Tuck*) of the Parish of *South Brent*, in *Somersetshire*, left *England* and came to this Colony, but hath not been heard of for eight or nine Years past, and it is said was employed as Bailiff, or under Sheriff, to one Mr. *Jones*, this is to request the Favour of that Gentleman, or any other Person acquainted with the said *Jeek* (alias *Tuck*) to inform the Subscriber, by Letter, whether he be alive or dead, which will be thankfully acknowledged by their humble Servant,

HUMPHREY HILL.

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*To be* SOLD *for ready Money, or Credit not exceeding five Years, or* RENTED *upon good Terms,*

THE beautiful and pleasant Seat known by the Name of OXFORD, together with the Land adjacent, containing 1000 Acres, wherein *Granville* Courthouse and Jail now stands. The Land lies very level, Part of which will produce Tobacco, and most of it is very good for Wheat, *Indian* Corn, Oats, *&c.* The Improvements consist of a large well finished Dwelling-House, Kitchen, Tavern, Granary, and other convenient Buildings, almost new. There is on the Plantation an Apple Orchard of about 340 Trees of exceeding good Fruit, just beginning to bear. The Water is perhaps as fine as any in the World, and the Place is in good Order for Tavern-keeping. Any Person inclinable to purchase or rent the same may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber, upon the Premises.

(12‖) JESSE BENTON.

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*To be* SOLD, *and Possession given in* February *next, or sooner, if required,*

THE FURNACE situated in the Township of *Salisbury*, and Province of *Connecticut*, *New England*, having been lately rebuilt on the most approved Plan, all the Conveniencies about the same being either new or in good Repair, together with all the Utensils, and a complete Set of Patterns for hollow Ware and other Castings; the sole Property of a Piece of Water from which the Furnace is supplied, the Area measuring 600 Acres; a Mansion House most agreeably situated, consisting of four Rooms on a Floor, a good Garden, and other Conveniencies; two other Houses for Workmen, a Store completely fitted for *English* and *West India* Goods and Provisions, a Compting House, *&c.* a large Barn, with Stabling for Horses and Oxen. Also a Property in the Bed of Iron Ore in said *Salisbury*, known by the *Ore Grant*, with an exclusive Right of digging, raising, and carrying away Ore from another Bed called *Chatfield*'s *Ore Bed*, and the Right of Soil in a Piece of Land joining west on the *Ore* Grant, which contains Iron Ore. These Beds all lie within two Miles of the Furnace, the Roads good. Also 753 Acres of Land, 300 of which are under Improvement, and the Whole well watered. The Premises are situated in a healthy, fruitful, and pleasant Country, on the high Road from *Hartford* to *Hudson*'s River and *Albany*, distant about thirty Miles from the River. The Quality of the Iron made from the above Ore is well known, both in *England* and *America*, to be equal to any made on this Continent. The Quantity of Ore, which lies near the Surface, appears inexhaustible, the Country round is well supplied with Wood for Coal, and the regular Supply of Water at all Seasons (without Danger from Floods) admits of the Furnace being in Blast all the Year. The Iron is excellent for Potash Kettles, Sugar Boilers for the *West Indies*, and military Stores. The Furnace not taking all the Water, any additional Works might be erected, with great Convenience, and small Expense. The rapid Settlement of an extensive Country, to the North and North West, must daily increase the Demand for every Article usually cast at a Furnace. An extensive Trade may be introduced in *English* and *West India* Goods, out of which the Works might be supplied with Stock and Provisions, and carried on with more Profit than such Business can be in a Country where there are few Inhabitants.

Also to be SOLD, a complete DOUBLE FORGE, with four Fires and two Hammers, now at Work, together with all necessary Utensils, situated in *Colebrook*, *Connecticut*, near the Road from *Hartford* to the Furnace, built in 1772, after the best Model, with a good Stream and Head of Water, and in Case of Need (in very dry Seasons) the Privilege of a Pond of Water five Miles in Length, for supplying of said Forge. The like Caution is observed to prevent the Business being retarded in Winter, by having the Wheels under Cover, with large Iron Stoves, and Canals cut to take the Surplus Water. Adjacent to the Forge there is a Dwelling-House with four Rooms on a Floor, a Store and Cellar, four Houses for Workmen, a Barn, Coal House, Iron House, and Blacksmith's Shop, all built in 1771; also a Saw Mill and Dwelling-House at a small Distance from the Forge, with good Situations for erecting other Works on the same Stream, together with 289 Acres of Land round the Forge and Sawmill, about fifty of which are under Improvement. The Forge is situated in the Centre of a large Tract of Wood Land, surrounded with a cultivated Country, which is in Want of Bar Iron; there being very little refined Bar Iron manufactured in *Connecticut*, and the Consumption considerable. This Estate, joined with that at *Salisbury*, is capable of many Improvements. For farther Particulars apply to Mr. *Charles Stuart* Merchant in *Philadelphia*, Mr. *Peter Vanderveer* Merchant in *New York*, Mr. *James Holmes* at the Furnace, Mr. *Jacob Ogden* at the Forge, or Captain *William Tiley* in *Hartford*. (tf)

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TWENTY POUNDS REWARD.

RUN away from the Subscriber, a *Mulatto* Man named ABEL, about forty Years old, near six Feet high, has lost several of his Teeth, large Eyebrows, a Scar or two on some Part of his Face, occasioned by a Brick thrown at him by a Negro, is very apt to stroke his Hand over his Chin, and plays on the Violin. He is well known as a Pilot for *York* River and the *Bay*. As I have whipped him twice for his bad Behaviour, I believe Scars may be seen upon his Body. He can write so as to be understood, and once wrote a Pass for a Negro belonging to the Honourable Colonel *Corbin*, wherein he said the Fellow had served his Time honestly and truly. He has been to *England*, but the Captain he went with took Care to bring him back, and since his Return from that Country is very fond of Liquor. He is gone off in a Boat with two Masts, Schooner rigged, once a Pilot Boat, but now the Property of the *Magdalen* Schooner of War, and was seen, I am told, fifty or sixty Leagues to the southward of Cape *Henry*, from which it is expected he intends for one of the *Caribbees*. He is a very great Rogue, and is so instructed by several Persons not far from *Wormley*'s Creek, *York* River; one of whom, he told me, said I was not worthy to be his Master. He had some Cash of my Son's, and an Order drawn by Captain *Punderson* on *Richard Corbin*, Esq; payable to *Ralph G. Meredith*, or myself. A white Lad went off with him, whom I cannot describe, never having seen him to my Knowledge. Whoever secures said Servant, so that I get him again, shall have the above Reward.

(tf) SAMUEL MEREDITH, Senior.

KING & QUEEN, *November* 16, 1773.

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*Pursuant to a Decree of the Worshipful Court of* Southampton, *will be* SOLD, *to the highest Bidder, on* Thursday *the* 10th *of* March, *at the Courthouse, being Court Day,*

A VALUABLE Tract of LAND, containing by Estimation 750 Acres, whereon Mr. *Thomas Wills* formerly lived. Any Person inclinable to purchase may be informed of the Quality and Situation of the Land by applying to the said *Thomas Wills*, in *Southampton*. Three Months Credit will be allowed to the Purchaser, on giving Bond and Security to JOSEPH and WILLIAM SCOTT.

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*To be* SOLD, *in* Fauquier *County,*

A VALUABLE Tract of LAND, containing 5 or 600 Acres, whereon are high, dry, and healthful Situations, with fine Prospects of the Mountains, convenient to Court, Churches, Meeting Houses, Mills, *&c.* within 26 Miles of *Dumfries*, 35 of *Falmouth*, and 40 of *Alexandria*. The Land is in the Heart of a fine Wheat or Tobacco Country, either of which, or any other Commodity, may be advantageously disposed of at either of the above mentioned Markets, or in the Neighbourhood, where are several Stores. For Terms apply to the Subscriber, near the Premises.

(4) JOHN CHILTON.

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RUN away, on *Monday* the 18th of *October* last, a likely Mulatto Girl named FANNY, about fourteen or fifteen Years of Age; she formerly belonged to Mr. *Augustine Smith*, of *Middlesex*, with whom I am informed her Mother, named *Jean*, now lives as Cook. I have great Reason to suspect that she has been harboured by a Negro Fellow named *Moses*, belonging to *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; about his Quarter in *Merchants Hundred*, from whence, I suppose, she will endeavour to cross about *York* to go to her Relations in *Middlesex*. Whoever apprehends the said Slave, and secures, her in any of his Majesty's Jails, and gives me Notice thereof, shall have 3l. Reward, or 4l. if delivered to me in *Williamsburg*.

JOHN LEWIS.

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RUN away from the Subscriber, in *August* last, a stout well set outlandish Negro Fellow named TOM, talks but indifferent *English*, and perhaps cannot tell his Master's Name and Place of Residence, is marked on his Back, and I believe Breast, with his Country Marks, has filed Teeth, a large Scar or Dent on one Side of his Head, a large Scar across the Outside of his left Wrist, and, if I mistake not, one or more of his Fingers are somewhat crooked or contracted, and he is very Parrot-toed. Had on when he went away an Osnaburg Shirt and short Rolls Trowsers, and carried with him a Cotton Jacket. Whoever brings the said Negro to me, in *Amelia*, shall have 40s. Reward, besides what the Law allows, and 5l. if taken out of the Colony.

FRANCIS EPPES.

*N. B.* I have still for Sale the several Tracts of Land, near *Petersburg*, belonging to the Estate of Mr. *Thomas Williams*, deceased, formerly advertised in this Paper, and particularly described.

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NEWMARKET (*Caroline*) *December* 1, 1773.

RUN away from the Subscriber, the latter End of *October* 1772, a likely Mulatto Man named RANDOLPH, about thirty Years of Age, and five Feet eight or nine Inches high; he had on, when he went away, a Suit of Green, with red Livery. As he has many Acquaintances about *Williamsburg*, it is probable he is lurking about that Place. Whoever delivers the said Slave to me shall have THREE POUNDS Reward.

(tf) ROBERT BAYLOR.

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*For* SALE, *the* LOT *and* HOUSES *near* Cabin Point *Warehouses, at present possessed by the Subscriber.*

THE Lot consists of four Acres well enclosed, a good Dwellinghouse with all necessary Outhouses, a Storehouse, Counting Room, and two Lumber Houses, all at present in very good Repair.

A TRACT of LAND in *Surry*, about six Miles from *Cabin Point*, containing 335 Acres, on which there is a Dwellinghouse, a small Apple and Peach Orchard, and a Quantity of very good Pine Timber.

Another TRACT in *Brunswick*, containing 355 Acres, known by the Name of *Smokey Ordinary*, with a good Dwellinghouse, necessary Houses, a Storehouse, Counting Room, and Lumber House, all lately built, and well adapted for either a Merchant or a Tavern Keeper. For Terms apply to *Thomas Simmons*, in *Brunswick*, or to

(tf) JAMES BUCHANAN.

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FOR SALE,

THE HOUSES and LOTS, in the Town of *York*, where the Subscriber now lives. The Dwelling-House is a very commodious One, with four Rooms above and four below, a very large Brick Storehouse, a large and well cultivated Garden, Stables, Kitchen, Wash House, *&c.* in good Repair. Also about one Hundred Acres of cleared high Land, and about sixteen Acres of exceeding good Meadow, making together a very square compact Parcel of Land, and will make a convenient little Farm for any Gentleman residing here, as it does not exceed two Miles and a Half from Town. For Terms inquire of

(tf) JACQUELIN AMBLER.

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*For* SALE,

ABOUT twelve Thousand Acres of exceeding rich TOBACCO LAND, in *Amherst* County, whereon are several Plantations and Improvements sufficient to work forty or fifty Hands. There is on the said Land for Sale a very valuable GRIST MILL, lately built, with a Stone Dam and a Pair of good *Cologne* Millstones, which Mill has for two Years past got upwards of 1200 Barrels of Toll Corn, and is situated on a never failing Stream. The Land will be shown by *William Womack*, who lives at one of the the Plantations, and the Prices of the Land made known by him. One or two Years Credit will be allowed, Interest being paid for the second Year, and also for the first, if the Money is not paid agreeable to Contract. The Land is to be laid off and surveyed by Colonel *William Cabell*, at the Expense of the Purchaser. Deeds will be made upon Bond and approved Security being given, either to Colonel *William Cabell*, or the Subscriber. Six per Cent. Discount will be allowed for ready Money, or good Merchants Notes. If any Person will choose to exchange Lands in the lower Part of the Country, on or near some navigable River, that are good, it is more than probable we should agree.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

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*To be* SOLD, SEPARATELY *or* TOGETHER

TWO TRACTS of LAND. One lies in *Albemarle* County, on *Hardware* River, about five Miles from the great River, containing 370 Acres, 100 of which are the best Kind of low Grounds, and situated so as always to have the best Range for Stock of any Land between the Capes and Little Mountains.

The other Tract lies in *Goochland* County, on *Lickinhole* Creek, near the *Three Notched* Road, and contains 700 Acres. The high Land is equal to any in these Parts, fine for Tobacco and Wheat, or any Kind of Grain or Meadow. About 200 Acres are cleared, now under good Fences, laid off in three Fields, and in fine Order to work about ten Hands to great Advantage. The Improvements are a good Dwellinghouse, Kitchen, Smokehouse, a Dairy, four good Tobacco Houses, with Negro Quarters, and other convenient Buildings, also a fine Apple and Peach Orchard. The Place is pleasantly situated, has fine Water, is as healthy as any Part of the Colony, and is convenient to Church or *Providence* Meetinghouse, and several Mills, besides one on the Land turned by a Spring Branch to grind for three or four Families the whole Year, and is not in the least unhealthy, as the Water may be ground off every Day. Credit will be given for Part of both Tracts. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to Mr. *William Mitchell*, Merchant in *Richmond*, or to the Subscriber, who will show the Land. (tf) WILLIAM PRYOR.

GOOCHLAND, *November* 1773. 3.

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TO BE SOLD,

FIVE Hundred and fifty Acres of LAND in the County of *Charles City*, with a convenient Dwellinghouse and other Improvements.

Two Hundred and twenty Acres, in the same County, pleasantly situated on *James* River.

Two Thousand five Hundred and twenty Acres in the County of *Cumberland*, commonly known by the Name of *Saint James's*.

And one Thousand four Hundred and twenty one Acres in the Counties of *Goochland* and *Cumberland*, on both Sides of *James* River, opposite to *Elk* Island.

The above TRACTS of LAND were of the Estate of the late *John Wayles*, deceased, devised to the Subscribers, and are now offered for Sale. Persons disposed to purchase may be informed of the Terms, on Application to any one of the Subscribers; and the Times of Payment will be made easy, on giving Bond and Security to

THOMAS JEFFERSON.
(tf) FRANCIS EPPES.
HENRY SKIPWITH.

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YORK Town, *June* 9, 1773.

THE Subscribers being very solicitous to comply with the Will of their Testator, the late Honourable *William Nelson*, desire that all Persons who were indebted to him will endeavour to make as speedy Payments as possible. Those who have Accounts open on his Books, and who cannot immediately discharge the Balances, are desired to give their Bonds. This Request is the more necessary, as most of the Legacies bequeathed by the Testator are to be paid in Sterling Money, and he has directed that his younger Sons Fortunes shall be placed out at Interest upon undoubted Securities, so soon as it can be done. Those who have any Demands are desired to make them immediately known.

THOMAS NELSON.
THOMAS NELSON, Junior.
(tf) HUGH NELSON.
RO. C. NICHOLAS.

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